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## DOORS OF GILDED DENS

In Which Young Girls were Ruined,  
Were Made of Steel No Harder  
Than the Hearts of the Men  
Who Built Them

New York, Jan. 23.—Miss Frances Pierce, a friend of Harry Thaw and his wife, was the first witness called yesterday, when the Thaw trial was resumed. She identified her signature as a witness to Thaw's will, made the night he married Evelyn Nesbit. The will contained strange bequests, which, Attorney Littleton argued, showed Thaw's mental irresponsibility. The codicil to the will was admitted in the testimony. It set aside that \$10,000 be paid to Anthony Comstock and the Anti-Vice Society to prosecute Stanford White and others for abusing young girls.

Anthony Comstock, of the Anti-Vice Society, next took the stand. He testified that Thaw came to him first in February, 1904, and complained of a well known New Yorker who ruined young girls in dens on Twenty-Fourth and Twenty-Second streets. The next interview was in November, at which Thaw named Stanford White. He asked Comstock to proceed against him and to put the district attorney on the case. Thaw saw Comstock again in December and the witness told Thaw that he had been unable to obtain a confirmation of Thaw's statements. The witness then identified several of Thaw's letters, naming the girls he said White had ruined; letters of gilded dens, with doors made of steel and with interiors lavishly furnished. One letter evidently referred to Evelyn's ruin, though no names were mentioned.

The Florida Mid-Winter Exposition opens in Jacksonville Saturday, January 25th.

## ALL RELEASED AT ONCE

Vardaman had Served his Time and  
He Took Twenty-Six Prisoners  
of State With Him

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 23.—The last official act of Gov. Vardaman before turning over the reins of government to his successor was the issuing of twenty-six pardons. Eight of the beneficiaries were white, while the other eighteen were negroes. The majority of the charges were for murder or manslaughter and most of the prisoners had served several years of their sentences. Eleven of them were life time men.

## ROADS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE

For All Injuries to Their Employees  
If Senator Knox's New Bill  
Becomes a Law

Washington, Dec. 23.—A bill of tremendous importance to hundreds of thousands of railway employees throughout the country has been introduced in the senate by Senator Philander C. Knox, of Pennsylvania, and is now under consideration by the judiciary committee of that body. This bill is designed to take the place of the employers' liability law, which was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court of the United States.

The Knox bill makes all railroads engaged in interstate commerce liable to their employees for injury incurred in service, and to their heirs in the event of a fatal accident. The fellow servant doctrine is overturned by the Knox bill and the rule of contributory negligence is greatly modified. Under its terms the mere fact that an employee is injured or killed through the negligence of a fellow employee does not relieve the employer from responsibility. Nor does contributory negligence bar an injured employee from claiming damages. It merely lessens the amount of damage in proportion to the percentage of negligence contributed.

Under the terms of this bill no contract of employment, insurance, relief, benefit, etc., can constitute a bar or defense to any action brought to recover damages for personal injuries or death. Mr. Knox is looked upon as one of the greatest lawyers of the country, and it is believed that in this bill he had met all the objections raised to the former law by the supreme court. He believes that the railroad men deserve this greater consideration from their employers, and he has stated that he proposes to urge this bill to a vote at the earliest feasible time.

## SMOKED TOO SOON

Were All the Pipefuls that 15,000  
Pounds of Tobacco Would  
Have Made

Hopkinsville, Ky., Jan. 23.—A band of one hundred night riders burned the large tobacco barn on the farm of J. A. Coleman in the southern part of Christian county last night. The barn contained 15,000 pounds of tobacco, which was ready for shipment. Coleman is not a member of the tobacco association.

## SETBACK FOR BARN BURNING

Two Incendiaries of the Kentucky  
Tobacco Region Shot by  
Guards

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 23.—An unsuccessful attempt was made yesterday to dynamite and burn the Hays-Orrery Regie tobacco factory at Clarks-ville, Tenn. The guards killed two negroes and wounded another.

Since the tobacco trouble first began in this section the tobacco factories have been closely guarded. Last night shortly before 12 o'clock one of the guards named Shackling noticed three men standing near the factory and on his challenge they fled. The guard then fired, killing two of the men instantly. When the bodies of the negroes were searched dynamite in sufficient quantity to wreck the building was found in their possession.

## WATCHED FIFTEEN YEARS

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## MARY HAD TOO MANY

Guns for Frank's Comfort, as Well as  
Her Own—Shot Him and Then  
Herself.

New York, Jan. 23.—A woman believed to be May Roberts Clark, late yesterday afternoon, fired five shots into the body of Frank Beattie, an advertising man, then turned a second revolver on herself. She died a few hours later in a hospital. The man is fatally injured. A third revolver was found in the woman's handbag.

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Marion county had its election yesterday for jag liberty or jug law. For two weeks the Ocala daily papers have been so full of whisky and anti-whisky editorials and advertisements that they had a tendency to lead one to drink.—Ex.

WANTED—Student nurses at the Marion County Hospital. Reply by letter or in person to W. V. Newsom, M. D., secretary, Ocala, Florida.

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